

SGCN and Habitat Stressors

Level 1 Threat Agriculture and Aquaculture

Level 2 Threat: Marine and Freshwater Aquaculture

Description: Aquatic animals raised in one location on farmed or non-local resources; also hatchery fish allowed to roam in the wild

Species Associated With This Stressor: **Total SGCN:** 1: 1 2: 3:

Class	<i>Actinopterygii</i> (Ray-finned Fishes)	SGCN Category
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Species: *Salmo salar* (Atlantic Salmon)

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Severity: Severe

Actionability: Highly actionable

Notes: The Marine Aquaculture of Atlantic salmon impacts; escapees reproducing with wild stock, disease transfer. Likelihood is high and increasing. Spatial extent is coastal Maine.

Habitats Associated With This Stressor:

Macrogroup	Intertidal Mollusc Reefs
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Habitat System Name: Gastropod Reef

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Habitat System Name: Mussel Reef

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Habitat System Name: Oyster Reef

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Macrogroup	Intertidal Mudflat
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Habitat System Name: Freshwater Tidal Marsh

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Habitat System Name: Non-Vascular Mudflat

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Habitat System Name: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

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Macrogroup	Intertidal Water Column
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Habitat System Name: Confined Channel

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Habitat System Name: Embayment

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Macrogroup Intertidal Water Column

Habitat System Name: Exposed Shore

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Macrogroup Rocky Coast

Habitat System Name: Acadian-North Atlantic Rocky Coast

Notes: May disturb habitat and animal behavior

Habitat System Name: North Atlantic Cobble Shore

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Macrogroup Subtidal Pelagic (Water Column)

Habitat System Name: Confined Channel

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Habitat System Name: Nearshore

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Habitat System Name: Offshore

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Habitat System Name: Upwelling Zones

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The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.